

News Briefs

Tsunami relief run
The deadline to sign up for the tsunami relief run is Wednesday. All BLAZE TEAM members are invited to participate in this fun run at 7 a.m. Feb. 11 in front of the fitness center.
People may walk 1.5 miles or run a 3K course. The entry fee is \$10, however any amount is appreciated. All proceeds benefit the American Red Cross International Response Fund.
People can pick up and turn in registration forms and payment to Evelyn Baxter, 14th Comptroller Squadron; Anthony Smith, 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel; or the fitness center staff. For more information, call Ext. 3533.

Mobility bags
All personnel scheduled to deploy must call the mobility element to schedule an appointment prior to pick-up or return of mobility bags. For questions or more information, call LueAnn Boone at Ext. 7305 or Sam Moore at Ext. 7306.

IDEA Program
The Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program recognizes and rewards good ideas. Individuals, teams or groups can submit ideas on how the Air Force can do something faster, better or cheaper at <https://ipds.mont.disa.mil>. People can help save the Air Force money and earn cash rewards for their ideas. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rhonda Knipmeyer at Ext. 2354.

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Air Force entertainers Tops In Blue performed for more than 1,200 people at Whitfield Hall Tuesday.

Maintenance mission



Senior Master Sgt. John Wolfe
Senior Airmen Ronald Hale and Ronald Mainvielle, 14th Communications Squadron, perform assembly work on the radar wave guide. A team of Federal Aviation Administration officials from Oklahoma City, Okla., the Air Education and Training Command Specialized Maintenance Team and 14th CS Airmen spent Saturday and Sunday making emergency repairs to the Columbus AFB radar.

President announces new focus in Iraq

John Banusiewicz
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. troops in Iraq will step up their efforts in training Iraqis to provide for their own country’s security, President Bush announced here tonight in his State of the Union message.
The president hailed Iraq’s successful Jan. 30 election, and said the new political situation calls for a new phase in U.S. military strategy.
“At the recommendation of our commanders on the ground, and in

consultation with the Iraqi government, we will increasingly focus our efforts on helping prepare more capable Iraqi security forces — forces with skilled officers, and an effective command structure,” Bush said. “As those forces become more self-reliant and take on greater security responsibilities, America and its coalition partners will increasingly be in a supporting role. In the end, Iraqis must be able to defend their own country — and we will help that proud, new nation secure its liberty.”
Bush said Iraq’s successful election

shows the world the violence in Iraq is not aimed solely at foreign military forces.
“The terrorists and insurgents are violently opposed to democracy, and will continue to attack it,” he said. “Yet the terrorists’ most powerful myth is being destroyed. The whole world is seeing that the car bombers and assassins are not only fighting coalition forces, they are trying to destroy the hopes of Iraqis, expressed in free elections.

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (05-13)	3.01 days	-1.12 days	Feb. 11	48th (05-05)	1.32 days	3.36 days	Feb. 18	T-37	174	34	9,329
41st (05-14)	5.28 days	0.53 days	March 9	50th (05-05)	2.03 days	-3.61 days	Feb. 18	T-38C	124	90	4,923
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Graduation speaker: Maj. Gen. Loyd S. Utterback, 2nd Air Force commander

Fire safety for families

BLAZE TEAM encouraged to know safe actions, keep proper attitude

Five out of nine fire incidents in the Air Education and Training Command during 2004 were in military family housing units. Emphasis on fire prevention in the home should be at the forefront throughout the year.
Home fire safety is a family matter. It is important to keep the entire family safe from accidents and the likely causes of home fires.
Each year, home fires and accidents injure 25 million people. These fires cause millions of dollars in damage, but they also cause physical and emotional suffering that can’t be measured in dollars and cents.
Home fire safety depends on a combination of attitudes and actions. These include finding and correcting safety hazards, being safety conscious

at all times and knowing what to do in an emergency. What can you do to help keep your family safe from the outbreak of fire?
The following tips will help residents find potential problems and stay alert:
* Ensure smoke detectors are in proper working condition.
* Keep emergency telephone numbers posted near each telephone. To call 911 using a cell phone, dial (662) 434-8881; for regular base phones, dial 911.
* Prepare and practice a fire escape plan for the family.
* Properly dispose of used matches, cigarettes and other smoking materials. Remember to keep these materials out of the reach of small children.

* Keep the stove clean and free from grease. Never leave it unattended while cooking, and turn pot handles away from the front of the stove.
* In the event of a grease fire, smother the flames with a proper fitting lid. Never put water or flour on a grease fire. Water will spread the fire and flour could cause an explosion. Leave the pan on the stove; removing it could result in burns.
* Store or dispose of flammable liquids properly. Always use an approved gasoline can to store fuel.
* Never use a highly flammable liquid such as gasoline to ignite charcoal.
* Inspect appliances and cords for wear and replace them when necessary.
* Never leave a candle unattended.
Remember, fire fighters are the professionals. Even after extinguishing a fire, residents should call 911 and to have their homes are fire safe. (Courtesy of 14th Civil Engineer Squadron)

Jumper presents Purple Hearts to Baghdad bombing victims

Master Sgt. Julie Briggs
AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Two Air Force Office of Special Investigations agents were presented Purple Hearts Jan. 31 in a ceremony at the Brooke Army Medical Center at nearby Fort Sam Houston.
Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper presented the medals to Special Agents Therese Frentz and Todd King, who are still recovering from injuries sustained from an Oct. 14 suicide bomber’s blast.

The agents along with Special Agent James Hamilton were in the Green Zone Café, located in Baghdad’s International Zone, after a mission when the bomb detonated about 10 feet away from their table.
Agent King was thrown into the parking lot, sustaining burns, shrapnel wounds, loss of vision and hearing. He said he does not remember

seeing the bomber in the café. All he remembers is seeing a flash and then feeling as if he was floating.
“I remember waking up in the parking lot. I think I landed on a car and rolled off,” said the 26-year-old agent from Belton, Texas. “My ears were ringing, and I was blind. I started crawling ... and yelling for someone to help me.”
Agent King said his body armor took the brunt of the blast as evident by the huge hole in it.
Agents Frentz and Hamilton were found in the café, and their injuries were more serious than Agent King’s, he said.
Agent Frentz received multiple shrapnel wounds and burns covering 30 percent of her body, mostly to her right arm and torso. Agent Hamilton also received extensive burns and shrapnel wounds.
Agent Frentz said she remembers the pain and wak-

ing up as medics were cutting off her clothes.
Both Agents Frentz and King remain on active duty. Agent Frentz is assigned to AFOSI Detachment 409, and Agent King is assigned to AFOSI Detachment 252. Both units are located at nearby Lackland AFB.
The Airmen are examples of the finest this nation has to offer, General Jumper said about the two agents.
“And to have them ask when

they can get back to their unit, ‘Can we still serve,’” he said. “They are the kind of people ... that all services of the military provide this nation today.”
Agent Frentz said she is currently working on regaining full range of motion in both arms.
“They are stiff due to the skin grafts,” the Crawfordville, Fla., native said.
Agent King will undergo eye surgery in about a month, and he said he hopes to regain 40 to 50 percent of his hearing. He is receiving care at the Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **22 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed** worldwide.
Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



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Celebrating African-American History Month

Capt. Kasey Lowery
17th Training Wing

February is the month we celebrate African-American History. This year's theme celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Niagara Movement, the group that later became the Nation Association for Advancement of Colored People, and its importance to our nation's civil rights history.

Many historians consider the period from 1877 to 1914 the lowest point in African-American history. The nation had lost its abolitionist fervor and lynching was at an all-time high – 846 incidents occurred between 1900 and 1910.

In July of 1905, W.E.B. DuBois, John Hope, Monroe Trotter, Kelly Miller and 24 other young African American intellectuals from 14 states gathered in Niagara Falls.

They were frustrated by what they

considered the “accommodationist” tactics of Booker T. Washington, who did not believe in political activities among African Americans, and they wanted to form an organization with a political agenda.

They chose Niagara Falls for its historical significance as the last stop on the Underground Railroad in hopes of recapturing the abolitionist spirit.

The Niagara Movement had several goals; among them were seizing the leadership of the African-American community and taking it away from the more pacifying emphasis of Booker T. Washington; providing a platform from which they could condemn the prejudice they found all around them; and advocating civil justice.

The group met again in 1906 in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, another historically significant site. Here, DuBois made his “Declaration of Principles” that called for members to

obtain five demands, including the right to vote, the abolishment of separation of public accommodations (bathrooms, drinking fountains, etc.), the rights of full citizens, equal application of law to all races and socio-economical classes, and the right to education of African-American children at all levels – not just as workers.

The Niagara Movement put radical ideals into motion. At first, its participants were ignored, but the increasing radical violence of the era coupled with a race riot in Springfield, Ill., in 1908 convinced Northerners that radical violence was not a “Southern problem.”

In 1909, the core group of the Niagara Movement, including DuBois, joined with liberal white groups and formed the NAACP. The NAACP is arguably one of the most powerful voices to this day in their efforts to ensure that the nation provides “freedom and justice” equally to all people.

In your opinion, who in African-American History has made the most significant contribution to our country?

“Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made the greatest contribution to our country because he paved way for minorities fighting for equal rights. He made his mark on the history of the United States of America.”



Airman 1st Class John Menendez
14th Flying Training Wing
Command Post

IRAQ

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“And the whole world now knows that a small group of extremists will not overturn the will of the Iraqi people,” he said.

The Iraqi people want freedom, Bush said, as evidenced by their willingness to vote despite a campaign of intimidation waged by terrorists.

“Americans recognize that spirit of liberty, because we share it,” he said. “In any nation, casting your vote is an act of civic responsibility. For millions of Iraqis, it was also an act of personal courage, and they have earned the respect of us all.”

Much remains to be done in Iraq, Bush said, and decisions about when U.S. forces can return home must rest on their work being complete. A timetable for withdrawing U.S. and coalition forces would only result in terrorists waiting out the schedule, the president said.

“We are in Iraq to achieve a result: a country that is democratic, representative of all its people, at peace with its neighbors, and able to defend itself,” he said. “And when that result is achieved, our men and women serving in Iraq will return home with the honor they have earned.”

Bush praised the men and women serving in America's armed forces.

“Right now, Americans in uniform are serving at posts across the world, often taking great risks on my orders,” he said. “We have given them training and equipment, and they have given us an example of idealism and character that makes every American proud.

“The volunteers of our military are unrelenting in battle, unwavering in loyalty, unmatched in honor and decency, and every day they are making our nation more secure.”

The president promised help for wounded servicemembers and vowed that the nation will remember those who have died.

“Some of our servicemen and women have survived terrible injuries, and this grateful country will do everything we can to help them recover,” he said. “And we have said farewell to some very good men and women, who died for our freedom, and whose memory this nation will honor forever.”

Iraq is a vital front in the war on terror, which is why the terrorists have chosen to make a stand there, the president said.

Though military strategy is adapting to circumstances, the nation's commitment remains “firm and unchanging,” Bush said. “We are standing for the freedom of our Iraqi friends, and freedom in Iraq will make America safer for generations to come.”

Commissary shoppers save average of 30%

Paula Lewis
Commissary store director

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of nearly 275 commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment.

Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a five percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones.

Shoppers save an average of 30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices — savings worth more than \$2,700 annually for a family of four.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of mil-

itary pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

(Editor's note: The application deadline for the \$1,500 DeCA Scholarships for Military Children is Feb. 16. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants. The application can be downloaded through a link on the front page of <http://www.commissaries.com> or downloaded directly from <http://www.militaryscholar.org> and filled out by hand or on the computer. Copies of the application are also available at the commissary. For more information, call Ext. 7109.)

Precious metals

The Department of Defense needs your assistance in reducing operating costs. One way to help reduce costs is to check all expendable items for precious metals before throwing them away. For more information, contact your unit Precious Metals Recovery Program monitor or call wing PMRP managers David Gaddy at Ext. 7167 or Don Howard at Ext. 7170.

Straight Talk Line

Dollar movies at base theater

Question: Would it be possible to have a dollar or family night at the base theater? I think it would be very popular with base personnel and families.

Answer: Thanks for the question regarding the possibility of showing dollar movies at the base theater. The Columbus AFB theater offers movies that have been recently released by movie studios at the great prices of \$ 3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for ages 5 to 16 and children under 5 are free. Cutting prices to \$1.00 will result in a significant (\$500) loss per movie and will eventually drive the theater out of business. As in the past, our AAFES personnel will continue to look for free screenings sponsored by the movie studios, to include Sunday matinees.

Col. Stephen Wilson
14th Flying Training Wing commander

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.

Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.



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Preparing for success CAFB outlines ORI campaign plan

Lt. Col. Tom McClain
14th Flying Training Wing



The preparation and execution of the 14th Flying Training Wing's Operational Readiness Inspection contains many elements of an air campaign.

Every campaign is guided by a commander's intentions. It is our wing commander's intent to ensure the BLAZE TEAM uses its resources to effectively, efficiently and safely accomplish our assigned mission — to defend the United States of America by building the world's best warriors, leaders and military pilots — while successfully passing the ORI in an outstanding manner.

During the upcoming inspection, the goal is to recognize our best people and programs, receive no repeat write-ups, and give an “outstanding” performance overall – “excellent” or better in all subcategories.

Attitudes or methods we'll use to meet this goal are called Keys to Success.

These include reviewing and learning from previous successes and failures, taking the time to prepare now and adopting a winning attitude.

The planning and execution of the ORI campaign will occur in four different phases: preparation, catch and polish, execution, and capture and employ.

The preparation phase is obvious — getting ready for the ORI. In the near future, we will be required to submit a mountain of information from nearly every base functional area.

The second phase is catch and polish. This phase occurs two weeks prior to the IG's arrival when we will take one last look at our people, programs and facilities.

It also includes making preparations to welcome, bed-down

and create a working area for the IG team.

During the execution phase, we will demonstrate to the IG that our daily work efforts, people and programs are worthy of an “Outstanding” rating.

Lastly, in the capture and employ phase, we will capture any good or bad lessons learned from the ORI and use them to improve our programs and facilities.

We are now into the preparation phase. Units are currently or have been undergoing staff assistance visits (SAVs) and running self-assessment checklists.

We will then employ tiger teams to cross-evaluate units within a group to address items found during self-assessments.

The wing IG has developed a detailed base support plan for ORI success. The exercise and evaluation team has been extensively testing our wartime and contingency capabilities — and more exercises will follow.

As chief of inspections, my responsibility is to coordinate ORI preparation efforts and fine-tune the base support plan with focus items — those tasks that may not have been anticipated in the base support plan, or new ideas gained through continued self-assessment.

I know it's difficult to prepare for the ORI while continuing to execute the daily mission; however, your additional efforts today will not only ensure a successful ORI, but lead to a more efficient and effective wing in the future.

Last week, we sent 14 people to observe the Laughlin AFB, Texas, ORI.

Those observations made will not only provide us with invaluable intelligence concerning the ORI, but it was the IG's first impression

of the 14th FTW.

I know we are already on the path to success!

The 14th FTW received an “Excellent” overall rating in the last ORI, so we are already starting from a strong position.

I know we have some tremendous people in this wing, putting great effort into their work every day. Excellence is truly a standard with the individuals and organizations within the wing.

With a little focus, education and improvement, the wing will undoubtedly achieve its goals, the commander's intent and objectives of the ORI campaign plan.

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Retirement flags

Flags for official retirement ceremonies can be ordered through the wing protocol office. Flags take approximately eight to 10 weeks to arrive after orders are placed. Individuals who order the flags must provide the recipients full name and may specify a date the recipient would like the flag to be flown over the U.S. Capitol. For more information, call the protocol office at Ext. 7024.

Fourth-quarter award winners announced

CGO of the Quarter

First Lt. Jennifer Todd, 14th Security Forces Squadron, is CGO of the Fourth Quarter for 2004. She authored critical contingency operations after Army guardsmen entry controllers left Columbus AFB, producing a seamless transition with few ready aug-mentees.

She saved \$10,000 in unit training costs by coordinate-ing a defensive driving course with the local sheriff’s department. Lieutenant Todd also completed 25 percent of her Master’s Degree in Business Administration with a 3.6 grade point average.



Airman of the Quarter

The Airman of the 2004 Fourth Quarter is Airman 1st Class Christine Mounts, 14th Medical Operations Squadron. Airman Mounts assisted with the dental care of 369 patients and helped the clinic exceed the 95 percent Air Force dental readiness goal, ranking No. 1 in Air Education and Training Command.

She exposed 288 quality radiographs with zero retakes, saving more than \$300. Airman Mounts also helped raise \$500 for the 14th Medical Group Booster Club by volun-teering 16 off-duty hours to work concession stands.



Category II Civilian of the Quarter

The Fourth Quarter Category II Civilian for 2004 is Dustin Huler, 14th Contracting Squadron. Mr. Huler managed more than \$1.9 million in multiple contracts after only three months of service contract experience.

He awarded five purchase orders totaling \$65,000 in an average of 11 days, surpassing the 30-day Air Force stan-dard. Mr. Huler has conducted training for 42 people on contract clauses required in small purchases and authored a congressional report documenting contract cost escala-tion — the first in the command to be completed.



SNCO of the Quarter

The Senior NCO of the Fourth Quarter for 2004 is Master Sgt. Kerry Slater, 14th Communications Squadron. Sergeant Slater reengineered the base infor-mation manager training program.

She conducted wing-wide training seminars, spearhead-ed the first quarterly information manager awards and developed a comprehensive database to track 39 infor-mation managers assigned to Columbus AFB. Sergeant Slater is also a wing victims assistant liaison, a member of the multicultural and club advisory committees and was hand-picked as an additional duty first sergeant.



Honor Guardsman of the Quarter

Airman 1st Class Andrea Stegall, 14th Mission Support Squadron, is the Honor Guardsman of the Fourth Quarter for 2004. Airman Stegall completed 16 honor guard details covering more than 40,000 square miles during the fourth quar-ter. She completed information system security officer training and single-handedly monitors 137 systems in the 14th MSS. She is currently pursuing a Community College of the Air Force Degree in Computer Science and has completed 13 semester hours.



Category III Civilian of the Quarter

Chester Hutchins, 14th Communications Squadron, is the Fourth Quarter Category III Civilian for 2004. Mr. Hutchins secured a \$25,000 savings in local cellular service over a national competitor.

He acquired \$482,000 from command to replace fail-ing switches while upgrading network requirements and coordinated a \$35,000 acquisition of critical power conditioning for the radar approach control center. His efforts also helped coordinate a vendor agreement to raise more than \$5,000 for the squadron booster club.



NCO of the Quarter

Tech Sgt. Brandon Enea, 14th Security Forces Squadron, is NCO of the 2004 Fourth Quarter. Sergeant Enea conducted security operations to pro-tect \$179 million in wing assets, including 233 train-ing aircraft with zero incidents or accidents.

He created 24 patrolman’s books, equipping security forces troops with required paperwork and ensuring readi-ness. Sergeant Enea is one of 10 local certified Civil Air Patrol check pilots and a weekly CAP instructor after duty hours. He also earned a bachelor’s of science degree in aeronautical science with a 3.5 grade point average.



Category I Civilian of the Quarter

Kristina Conwill, 14th Comptroller Squadron, is the 2004 Fourth Quarter Category I Civilian. Ms. Conwill has helped Columbus AFB’s govern-ment travel card program rank No. 1 in Air Education and Training Command after only four months as the program coordinator. She deactivated or transferred more than 300 GTC accounts for servicemembers PCSing or separating from Columbus AFB and implemented 45-day delinquency letters into the GTC program, encouraging debtors to pay in a more timely fashion.



Volunteer of the Quarter

Patricia Wilson is the 2004 Fourth Quarter Volunteer. Ms. Wilson vol-unteered more than 300 hours during the quarter to various base organizations and the community. She maintained the Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club Christmas budget, coordinated vol-unteers and assembled decorations.

Ms. Wilson also assisted with the annual Base Cookie Drive and Happy Fund Christmas wrapping events. She volunteered at the thrift shop weekly, served a chairperson of the social committee for the Catholic parish on base, and volunteered one or two days a week at Heritage Elementary School as a classroom assistant.



Club throws party for year’s biggest game

Pam Wickham
14th Services Division

Big screen television, free snacks, bever-age specials, overstuffed couches and chairs, door prizes and the biggest game of the year will set the tone for the Columbus Club’s Super Bowl party at the community center Sunday.

The doors open at 4 p.m. with the big

game pitting the New England Patriots against the Philadelphia Eagles starting at 5 p.m.

“The Super Bowl is the biggest game of the year and the club wants to make it spe-cial,” said Brenda Freeman, club manager. “We have more than \$1,400 in NFL mer-chandise prizes to give away to club mem-bers in attendance; and what’s even better is that they get to pick and choose their

merchandise from the NFL.com Web site.”

The party will also feature on-the-spot door prizes such as an X-Box system with a Madden football game, T-shirts, hats and small personal coolers.

At half-time, a five-foot hoagie sand-wich, hot wings, chips, dip and a veggie tray will be available for members to enjoy free of charge.

“This is a members-only event, but we

will accept club applications at the door,” Ms. Freeman added. “At Columbus AFB, you can’t afford not to be a member of the club.”

Other upcoming club programs include the sweetheart dinner Feb. 12, family fun night Feb. 24, and a new and improved lunch buffet starting in March.

For more information about the club and its programs, call Ext. 2490.

Services offers variety of choices for base families

Children’s flea market: The youth center opens its doors from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday for young people to buy and sell their treasures. Call Ext. 2504.

Champagne Sunday brunch: A champagne Sunday brunch is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Col-umbus Club. The menu includes herbal pork loin with cran-berry walnut chutney, lemon pepper cod with alfredo sauce, rice pilaf, tortellini tossed in fine herbs and olive oil, green peas with mushrooms and pearl onions, garden fresh veg-etable medley, an omelet and waffle station, bacon, sausage, French toast sticks with melted butter and syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, hash browns, biscuits, rolls, garden salad, fruit tray, champagne, orange juice, coffee, tea and assorted desserts. Cost is \$9.95 for club members and \$12.95 for nonmembers. Children ages 6 to12 eat for \$5 and children ages 5 and younger eat free. Call Ext. 2490.

Super Bowl party: The Columbus Club offers more than \$1,400 in prizes at its Super Bowl party Sunday at the com-munity center. Prizes include cash vouchers for NFL mer-chandise, an X- Box system, T-shirts, hats and more. The program is open to all ranks but is a members-only event. Doors open at 4 p.m. with game time at 5 p.m. Free food is served at half time. Call Ext. 2490.

Craft classes: The skills development center offers both youth and adult craft classes. Adult classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 pm. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Youth classes are at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. February interior decorating classes will make an uphol-stered headboard Thursday and a rolled arm bench Feb. 24. Cost is \$25 plus fabric for the headboard and \$30 plus fabric for the bench. Class times are 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Stop by the skills development center to see a dis-play of the upcoming classes available. Call Ext. 7836.

Sweetheart dinner: The Columbus Club offers a special dinner for couples starting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12 with live entertainment. Dinner includes a choice of red snapper smothered in wine sauce or portabello pork tenderloin with roasted peppers and feta cheese in a marsala wine sauce. The dessert for the evening is creme brulee. Cost is \$40 per cou-ple and reservations must be made by Tuesday. Call Ext. 2490.

Preteen valentine dance: The youth center offers this night out for preteens from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 11. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

Give parents a break: The child development center and youth center offer this program from 5 to 11 p.m. Feb. 12. Cost is \$3 an hour per child, and reservations must be made by Wednesday. For more information, call the child develop-ment center at Ext. 2479 or the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Lovers lanes steak night: The bowling center offers a night of bowling and a steak dinner for \$20 per couple Feb. 14. Reservations start at 6 p.m. Cost includes one hour of bowling and a steak dinner complete with fries, tossed salad and a beverage. For reservations, call Ext. 2426.

Teen aviation camp: Youth who will be sophomores or juniors during the 2005-2006 school year must register for this Air Force-sponsored program by Feb. 18 at the youth center. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip to Philadelphia, Miss. Feb. 18. Cost is \$25 for club members and \$28 for non-members and includes trans-

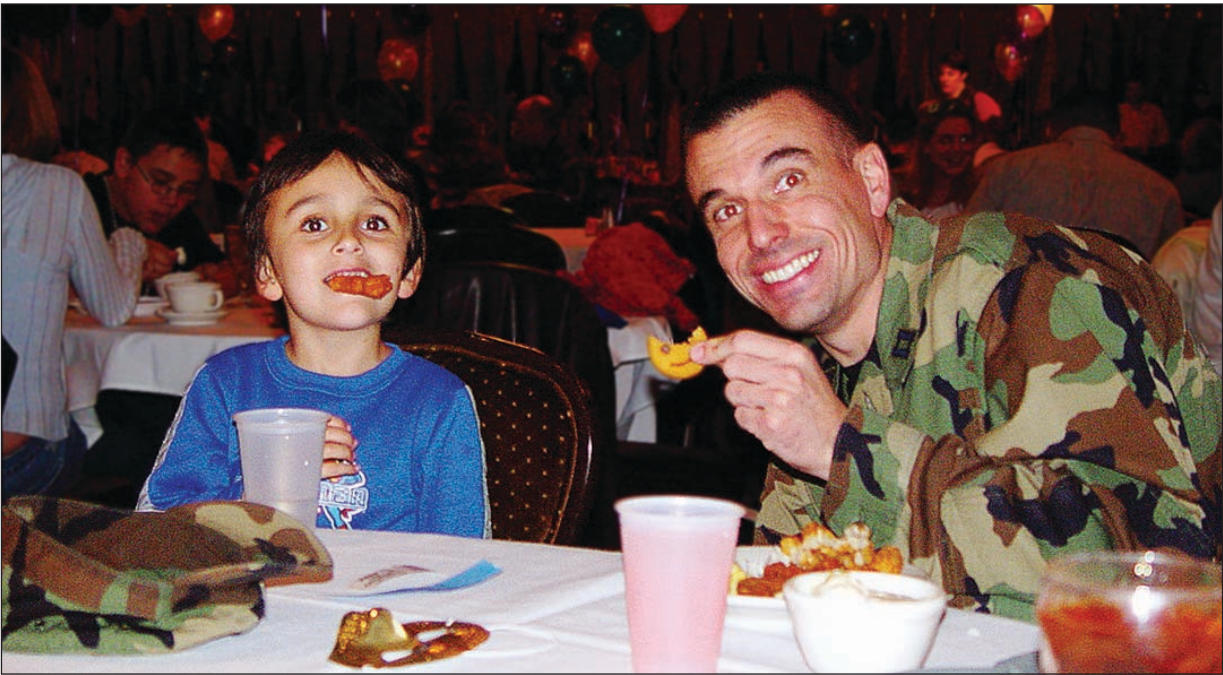
portation, \$15 in coins and a free buffet. Call Ext. 7861.

Scrapbooking class: This class is offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 19 in the community center and is open to all lev-els of scrapbookers — from beginners to experienced. Cost is \$10 per person. To register, call 434-6935.

Stampin’ Up workshop: Stamp workshops are from 9 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 24 and from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 26 at the community center. Cost is \$5 plus materials or partici-pants can bring their own supplies. For more information or to register, call 434-5076.

Memphis Grizzlies: The information, ticket and travel office has tickets for the Feb. 25, April 3 and April 8 Memphis Grizzlies basketball games. Cost is \$60 per ticket. An overnight trip is available for the Feb. 25 game for a cost of \$125 for club members and \$140 for nonmembers. Cost includes transportation, one night’s lodging and a ticket to the game. Call Ext. 7861.

Pass the ketchup please!



Pam Wickham

Gabriel Sampayo, 5, and Capt. Deric Prescott, 14th Flying Training Wing Legal Office, enjoy their meal at the Columbus Club’s membership night Friday. Upcoming events at the club include a champagne brunch Sunday morning, a Super Bowl party Sunday afternoon and family fun night Feb. 24. Call Ext. 2490.

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“Meet the
Fockers”

(PG-13, crude and sexual humor, language and a brief drug reference, 115 min.)
Starring: Robert DeNiro and Ben Stiller.

Saturday
“The Life
Aquatic with
Steve Zissou”

(R, language, some drug use, violence and partial nudity, 118 min.)
Starring: Bill Murray and Owen Wilson.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.cafb.grapevine.com.

Family Support Center

(Editor's note: *All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.*)

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Relaxation class

The sixth consecutive class on how to practice progressive relaxation begins at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Hearts Apart social

A social gathering for families of personnel deployed or remote for more than 30 days is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Information, refreshments and prizes are provided.

Bundles of Joy

A workshop for active-duty Air Force spouses who are pregnant or have a child four months or younger is from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 15. Speakers will provide information about finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. The Air Force Aid Society provides a gift package valued at more than \$50.

Time management

A workshop about effective time management is from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Feb. 16. Participants will learn how to set realistic goals and receive tips on how to prioritize, reduce confusing communication and become better organized.

Relocation assistance

A workshop for people relocating or making a permanent change of station is from 11 a.m. to noon Feb. 17. Participants will receive information about new bases, checklists to make moving easier and sug-

gestions for traveling with children.

Financial management

A workshop discussing various aspects of financial management planning begins at 2 p.m. Feb. 17.

MCEC art contest

The Military Child Education Coalition sponsors a 2005 Artwork Contest for children in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grades.

The contest includes artwork, poems, poetry and essays based on the theme, “Making Connections for Children.” Winning entries will be used in the April 2005 issue of On the Move Magazine. Selected entries may also be used in the MCEC 2006 calendar.

The MCEC Web site www.MilitaryChild.org provides examples of the 2004 entry winners and how their submissions were used. All entries must be postmarked by today. For entry guidelines and a parent permission form, contact the family support center.

AFAS grant program

The Air Force Aid Society's General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program awards \$1,500 grants to eligible military dependents. For more information about the program or an application, call Ext. 2855 or visit the Air Force Aid Society Web site at www.afas.org.

Base notes

Valentine's Day roses

Today is the last day the Columbus AFB First Sergeants Council and the Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club is selling long-stemmed roses to benefit the “Help A Neighbor” fund.

Cost is \$40 per dozen or \$25 per half dozen. Delivery is available. People can place an order by e-mailing rosesale05@yahoo.com, calling 434-9981 or contacting a first sergeant. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, people can also place orders at tables located outside of the bowling center and

Robin Hood restaurant. Customers are encouraged to order early as a limited supply of roses is available.

Valentine's Day giveaway

The 14th Comptroller Squadron Relay For Life Team is sponsoring a Valentine's Day basket giveaway. With each donation of \$5, people will receive one ticket. The drawing for the basket will be at noon Wednesday. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information or to make a donation, stop by the 14th CPTS Civilian Pay Office.

FTAC party

A social for all new and former First Term Airman's Center students, their supervisors and FTAC briefers begins at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the enlisted lounge. Airmen are encouraged to enjoy free hors d'oeuvres and meet others. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Bailey at Ext. 2409.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — Mardi Gras celebration
and CCD at the community center
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
9 a.m. — Sunday school at Bldg. 1052*
10:30 a.m. — Contemporary worship service at the community center
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
Tuesday:
11:30 a.m. — Lunch and Bible study
Wednesday:
6 p.m. — Bible study, Pioneer Clubs, teen ministries at Bldg. 1052

For information about Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500.

*The chapel annex is currently being renovated. All religious education activities are temporarily located in Building 1052.

Historic African-American tour: The Columbus Historic Foundation sponsors historic African American guided tours at 9 and 11 a.m. Saturday. For ticket information and reservations, call (800) 920-3533 or 329-3533.

Community chorus: Rehearsals for the Starkville-Columbus Community Chorus spring concert are held at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the Choral Building on the Mississippi State University campus.

The spring concert is scheduled for 5 p.m. March 6 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Starkville, Miss. The repertoire for the concert will be announced at Monday's rehearsal. For more information, call Dr. Linda Karen Smith at (662) 325-2870.

Cake decorating: The Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority sponsors cake decorating classes from 6:30 to

8 p.m. Tuesday at Propst Park. Cost is \$45. To sign up or for more information, call 327-4935.

Radio technician classes: Ham radio technician license classes will begin Tuesday at the Lowndes County Amateur Radio Club club house. For more information, contact Bob Ray at 241-5342 or k5vva@cableone.net or Doug Scallions at 329-2211 or JDScallions@cableone.net.

Daily historic home tours: The Mississippi Welcome Center and the Columbus Historic Foundation schedules tours of historic homes for the public daily. For more information, call (800) 920-3533.

Winter ball: The Columbus Police Department hosts a winter ball at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Trotter Convention

Center. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the police department. For more information, call 364-1907, 364-6444, 364-6446 or 364-6445.

Stitches From the Heart: Stitches From the Heart is looking for volunteers to knit, crochet or quilt blankets, sweaters and hats for babies in need. For more information or to sign up, contact Kathy Silverton at (866) 472-6903 or e-mail stitchfromheart@aol.com.

Volunteers needed: West Lowndes Elementary seeks volunteers to help paint its fourth and fifth grade hallways from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 12. Snacks will be provided. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pam Hedge at 327-1562 or jpsnhedge@hotmail.com.

For more event listings, visit www.columbus-ms.org.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one) Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

Print advertisement _____

Name _____

Home Telephone # _____ Duty Telephone # _____
(in case we need more information)

Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐ Other _____

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

Super Bowl goes super blue

Master Sgt. David Byron
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — An Air Force F/A-22 Raptor will be a highlight during pre-game festivities at Super Bowl XXXIX where the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles face each other Sunday. The other military services will also take part, but Airmen will play a leading role in one of the nation's premier sport competitions, this year being held in Jacksonville, Fla. Super Bowl Sunday will begin with a series of pre-game concerts and a pre-game opening ceremony. The pre-game ceremony of every Super Bowl has included the singing of the national anthem; this year the Air Force Academy's 25-voice Cadet Chorale will team up with the Naval Academy Glee Club, West Point Choir and Coast Guard Academy to perform the anthem.

It will be the first time all four service academies have performed together since former President Richard Nixon's 1973 inauguration ceremony. The last time the Cadet Chorale sang at a Super Bowl was in 1972. A joint color guard, which includes an Airman from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., will present the national colors. At the conclusion of the anthem, two Raptors will team up with two Navy F-18 Super Hornets in a joint-formation flyover. "What better way to showcase America's newest super jet than in front of a stadium crowd of 80,000 fans and more than 144 million television viewers," said Wendy Varhegyi, Air Force community relations chief. Air Force involvement will not be limited to pre-game ceremonies. Recruiters will be on-site to discuss career opportunities in the Air Force. They

will have the "Cross Into the Blue" theater trailer along with several NFL athletes available for autograph sessions. Recruiters have been on-site since Jan. 31 and will remain until the day after the game as co-sponsors of the ESPN Radio Remote/webcam at a Jacksonville-area hotel. Benefits include public-service announcements, on-air interviews, webcam time and on-site advertising. This is the third year Air Force Recruiting Service has sponsored the ESPN remote. Five pilots from the 347th Rescue Wing at Moody AFB, Ga., will have a display as part of the series of events and displays surrounding the stadium. Airmen will take part in another pre-game day activity with an emphasis on sports. They will be part of two joint-service teams competing in the NFL Alumni Super Bowl of Golf Showcase on Friday.

Although most of the Air Force involvement will likely only be seen by those who attend the game, fans watching the game on television will get a glimpse of professional Airmen. Six Airmen, along with four Marines took part in the filming of an Anheuser-Busch "Salute to the Military" commercial expected to air during the Super Bowl coverage. Air Force volunteers will also help setup and tear down of the sets for the half-time performance featuring singing legend Paul McCartney. In all, the Airmen will be among more than 2,000 military volunteers assisting with various aspects of the Super Bowl. "Participating in the Super Bowl and the events leading up to it is an honor for the Air Force," Mrs. Varhegyi said. "It's a way to say 'thank you' to the troops, honor the military and instill patriotism among the fans."

Shorts

Fun run

A sweetheart fun run is scheduled for 7 a.m. Feb. 11 in front of the fitness center. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Fitness 101

An instructional fitness class about the fitness center's cardiovascular and strength training equipment is from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the center. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Sweetheart golf scramble

This golf scramble begins at noon Feb. 12 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Cost is \$50 per couple for the tournament, \$40 per couple for dinner at the club, or \$70 per couple for the scramble and dinner at the club. Participants must register for the event at the golf pro shop by Monday. For

more information, call Ext. 7932.

3-person iceberg scramble

Shotgun start for this golf event is at 10 a.m. Feb. 19. Entry is \$15 for members and \$15 plus greens fees for non-members. To register, call Ext. 7932.

Summer baseball/softball

Sign-ups for the Caledonia Sports Association summer baseball and softball leagues are from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26 at Ola J. Pickett Park press box in Caledonia, Miss. Participants do not have to reside in Caledonia or attend city schools to participate. The divisions are as follows: tee-ball for ages 4 to 6; coach pitch for ages 7 to 8; baseball for ages 9 to 10; baseball for ages 11 to 12; girls softball for ages 9 to 10; and girls softball for ages 11 to 12. Registration fee is \$40, and a birth certificate copy is needed. For more information, call 251-0117.

Tennis players wanted

Female tennis players, both military and civilian, are invited to participate in a Columbus city women's league. Players with an ability of 2.5 or greater are desired. Call 28-8944.

Air Force volleyball

All ranks of active duty, guard and reserve men and women are invited to apply for the 2005 All Air Force Volleyball Training Camp. The camp is scheduled for April 22 through May 16 in Hawaii and Colorado, including travel days. All interested servicemembers must submit an Air Force Form 303 to the fitness and sports center by March 7. Selections will begin around March 10. The Air Force Sports office will send a message to the major commands approximately three weeks before the camp begins. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Who do you think should win the Super Bowl?

"I want Philly to win because New England's won two out of the last three years, and I'm tired of seeing them in there."



Tech. Sgt. James Ward
14th Flying Training Wing
Command Post

"I think the Patriots are going to win even though I don't want them to. The Patriots win all the time, and the Eagles haven't won a Super Bowl in years."



Mary Crump
14th Communications Squadron

"The Eagles are going to win because Donovan McNab is a dominant quarterback. He has the running ability that Tom Brady lacks."



Senior Airman Frank Hood
14th Contracting Squadron

"I want the Patriots to win because they won last year. They're on a roll."



Senior Airman Lawrence Pitts
14th Services Division



Tops In Blue entertainers gave a two-hour performance for BLAZE TEAM members and local Columbus residents Tuesday at Whitfield Hall on the Mississippi University for Women campus. The show, entitled "Musicology," featured a variety of rhythm and blues, jazz, country and rock music.



Top: Honorary commander Marleen Hansen of the Military Affairs Committee chats with Lt. Col. Mark Holland, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, and his wife Kathy at the Honorary Commander Induction before the Tops In Blue performance. Right: Staff Sgt. Kristina Robinson sings "God's Will" during the country music segment of the show.



Tops In Blue

More than 1,200 people get lesson in 'Musicology' at Whitfield Hall

Top: Senior Airman Jesus Espinoza, 14th Medical Operations Support Squadron, is serenaded by the female Tops In Blue vocalists to "Love Revival." Left: Airman 1st Class Amy Nicely, 14th MDOS, is wooed by Airman 1st Class David Weaver during a rendition of "Three Times a Lady."